

**FLETCHER, YODER & VAN SOMEREN**

A Professional Corporation

Attorneys at Law

7915 FM 1960 West, Suite 330  
Houston, Texas 77070Post Office Box 692289  
Houston, Texas 77269-2289Telephone (281) 970-4545  
Facsimile (281) 970-4503**FAX RECEIVED**

APR 18 2003

**GROUP 3600****Facsimile Transmission****Official**

DATE: April 17, 2003	FILE: COMP:0132 Serial No.: 09/717,544
TO: Walsh, John B.	COMPANY: U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
FROM: Ralph A. Graham	EXTENSION: (281) 970-4545
FACSIMILE NUMBER: (703) 872-9327	NUMBER OF PAGES TO FOLLOW: 1

**URGENT, PLEASE DELIVER IMMEDIATELY**

## NOTES/COMMENTS:

Attached is a Notice of Appeal Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.191 from the Decision of the Examiner to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences.

**CONFIDENTIALITY NOTE**

*The documents accompanying this facsimile transmission contain information from the law firm of Fletcher, Yoder & Van Someren, P.C. which is confidential or privileged. The information is intended to be for the use of the individual or entity named on this transmission sheet. If you are not the intended recipient, be aware that any disclosure, copying, distribution or use of the contents of this faxed information is prohibited. If you have received this facsimile in error, please notify us by telephone immediately so that we can arrange for the retrieval of the original documents at no cost to you.*

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

FAX RECEIVED

In re Application of:

Arthur K. Farnsworth et al.

§  
§  
§  
§  
§  
§  
§  
§  
§

Group Art Unit:

3676 APR 18 2003

Serial No.: 09/717,544

Examiner:

Walsh, John B.

Filed: November 21, 2000

Atty. Docket:

COMP:0132/VAN

For: ACCESS PANEL LATCHING  
SYSTEM

P00-3180

GROUP 3600  
OfficialAssistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION OR MAILING  
37 C.F.R. 1.8

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being transmitted by facsimile to the United States Patent and Trademark Office in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.6(d) or is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on the date below:

April 17, 2003

Date

Carla Deblaw

**NOTICE OF APPEAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.191 FROM THE DECISION OF THE EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

Applicant hereby requests a one-month extension of time from April 12, 2003 to May 2, 2003 in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for filing of the present Notice of Appeal.

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals and Interferences from the final decision, dated January 2, 2003, of the primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 1, 2, 4-15, 17-19, and 25-27 of the above-referenced application. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the requisite fee of \$430.00 for the Notice of Appeal and the one-month extension, and any additional fees which may be required, to Account No. 08-2025, Order No. 200301838-1/VAN (COMP:0132). Two duplicate copies of this sheet are enclosed.

Date: April 17, 2003

Respectfully submitted,

04/22/2003 SGARNETT 00000003 082025 09717544

01 FC:1251 110.00 CH  
02 FC:1401 320.00 CH

Ralph A. Graham

Reg. No. 47,607

Fletcher, Yoder &amp; Van Someren

P.O. Box 692289

Houston, TX 77269-2289

(281) 970-4545